CHAPTER 149

GOVERNMENT - LOCAL

HOUSE BILL 13-1258

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also SENATOR(S) Aguilar and Carroll, Giron, Guzman, Heath, Hodge, Hudak, Johnston, Jones, Newell, Nicholson, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Morse.

AN ACT

CONCERNING LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ISSUES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

- (a) It is important to enhance public safety by building trust between immigrant communities and local police and to ensure equal protection and safety for all members of Colorado communities, including witnesses and victims of crime;
- (b) The requirement that public safety agencies play a role in enforcing federal immigration laws can undermine public trust; and
- (c) By repealing requirements that local officials be compelled to participate in federal immigration issues, the general assembly can ensure that local resources are focused on public safety issues instead of on immigration issues that are the responsibility of the federal government. This will save local governments a significant amount of time, energy, and resources.
- (2) The general assembly further finds that repealing article 29 of title 29, Colorado Revised Statutes, will address the concerns identified in subsection (1) of this section and will promote public safety, community policing, and civil liberties and does not limit the state or local government responsibilities pursuant to federal law.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** article 29 of title 29.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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